Our Farms

The Hill Farm

CONTACT: Jerry or Valerie File 540-592-7061 DIRECTIONS: From Middleburg take Rt 50 west to Upperville, turn left onto Delaplane Grade Rd (Rt 712), go about 1 mile. Farm on left. From I-66 take Marshall exit 28, head north on Rt 17 to stop light (intersection of 17 & 55) go straight onto Rectortown Road (Rt 710), turn right on Delaplane Grade Road (Route 712), go 2 miles. Farm on right.

Explore this intensively managed 40-acre livestock farm. Visitors will see sheep, cattle, horses, and chickens. Interpretive tours will be conducted throughout the day. Visitors will see sheep and cattle handling systems, wools exhibit, haying equipment, and more. Learn about the farms' conservation practices that help improve our water quality. Enjoy hayrides on this picturesque farm. 4-H'ers will provide beef burgers and refreshments.

2 BLUE RIDGE FARM

CONTACT: Leslie Grayson/Michael Barreda 540-592-3469

DIRECTIONS: From Marshall take Rt 710 north (through Rectortown) approx. 6 miles; turn right onto Rt 623 (Rokeby Road). Farm entrance is one mile up Rt 623 on left. From Rt 50, 2 miles east of Upperville, turn right (south) onto Rt 623 (Rokeby Road) and proceed 3 miles to farm entrance on right.

Blue Ridge Farm is one of the oldest active thoroughbred horse farms in the country. Established as a horse breeding operation in 1903, Admiral Cary T. Grayson acquired it in 1928. The farm, now owned and run by Grayson's grandchildren, has diversified over the years to include Connemara ponies, the portable henhouse (eggmobile) and natural, grass-fed beef. Come see the farm's main horse barns, visit mares with foals, and take a hay wagon tour of soil and water conservation practices and an intensive grazing system. Drinks and lunch will be available.

3 ARCHWOOD GREEN BARNS

CONTACT: Becky Brothers, 540-253-5289 DIRECTIONS: Rt 66 to The Plains Exit 31; north on Rt 245 for 100 yards to entrance on right.

Farm fresh local produce, including organically grown fruits, vegetables & herbs are featured at this unique farmers' market. Homemade baked goods, preserves, sorbets, cheeses and colorful fall flowers overflow the stalls of this distinctive restored barn. Bring the children out to enjoy an organic corn maze (see following) and meats prepared from local farmraised stock. Learn how to grow hydroponic tomatoes with Ashbank Farm at 2pm. Make your own lotions with Lydia's Soaps and Toiletries.

3 THE CORN MAZE IN THE PLAINS

CONTACT: Hub and Kate Knott, 540-364-2522 www.circleofseeds.com

DIRECTIONS: See above. Next to Archwood Green Barns
Circle of Seeds, who brought you America's first
Organically Grown Corn Maze is doing it again this year.
Come out for a healthy family fun adventure. Use clues
to navigate thru the 6-acre corn maze. Stand atop the
bridge and view the maze from above and gaze at
surrounding rolling hills of Virginia's piedmont. Find out
why people from 50 states have visited the farm. Maze
open weekends Sept. thru Nov. 3 from 10am - 6pm. Maze
admission: Adults \$6, Kids (ages 4-10) \$5, Children 3 and
under Free.

4 INGLEWOOD FARM

CONTACT: C.L. "Boots" Ritchie 540-439-8176 DIRECTIONS: Rt 17, 3.5 miles south of Rt 28 at Bealeton, adjacent to the Lois Fire Company. Watch for the giant grasshoppers on Rt 17.

Via a free hayride, come see large farm equipment in action on this farm that produces grains and hay. Enjoy a Longhorn burger or some juicy chicken under the pavilion at the farm's 50 acre Lake Ritchie. A local poultry club will have exotic poultry breeds on display. Fauquier County Farm Bureau will have information about the seeds of crops of Fauquier County, and the kids (young and old) can make their own Grain Art.

5 ELK MOUNT FARM

CONTACT: Woodrow & Bill Patton, 540-788-4475 DIRECTIONS: From Rt 28 in Midland, go south on Rt 649 (sign to airport) which becomes Rt 610. Go 4 miles to farm on left.

Awarded "Bay Friendly Clean Water Farm", this flourishing Holstein dairy operation is a showcase family farm. Visitors learn how milk is produced, stored and sent to market while enjoying the sweet fragrance of hay, the pungent smell of silage and the characteristic aroma of cattle! Additional attractions include antique and classic cars, massive farm machinery, and ice cream. Milking is at 1pm and 3pm.

6 El Shaddai Farm

CONTACT: Larry and Judy Mason, 540-439-1046 DIRECTIONS: From Opal at Rts 29 & 17, continue south on Rt 29 for 6 miles. Turn left at 2nd Remington exit at yellow blinking light (Rt 651). Go one half mile, cross RR tracks and immediately bear right onto Sumerduck Road (Rt 651) for 3-3/4 miles. Turn left on Hardins Pines Rd. (Rt 789). Farm on right.

Experience this storybook llama breeding farm and small cottage industry. Little ones will enjoy petting sheep, Nubian goats, and alpaca. Llama care demo at 11am and felting demo at 2pm. Informative exhibit, including free information about llamas. Wools, handmade llama and alpaca gifts, and clothing proceeds go to Agape Love Ministries. Farm coloring book available for \$1.50.

Fauquier County, Virginia

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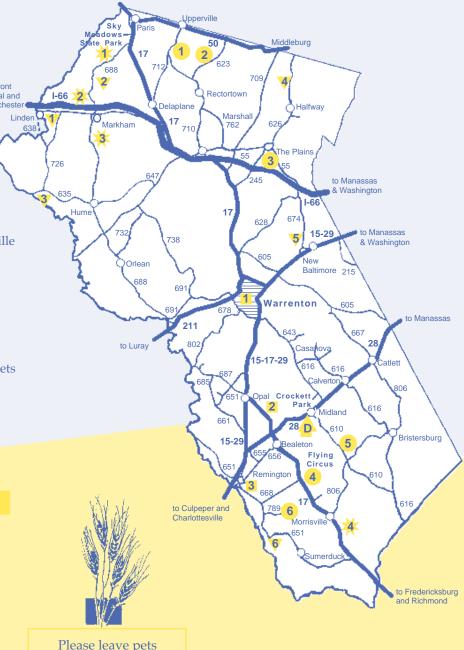
- Virginia Perfection Farm, Paris 540-592-3730.
- Hartland Orchard, Markham 540-364-2316
- Stribling Orchard, Markham Host of *Leeds Applefest* Sat, Sept. 20, 2003, 10-4 540-364-3040
- Williams Peach Manor Orchard, Morrisville 540-439-3035

FARMERS' MARKETS

- 3 Archwood Green Barns Farmers' Market Farm Tour Stop
- Warrenton Farmers' Market
 Open Saturday 7-Noon 5th and Lee streets
 Open Wednesday 7-Noon Court Street
- 2 Ridgeway Farm Market Rt 17 near Opal, 8am - 6pm Daily
- Remington Farmers' Market Main Street, 4pm - 8pm Friday

VINEYARDS Tours year round Follow grape signs

- Linden Vineyards, 540-364-1997
- Naked Mountain Vineyard, 540-364-1609
- **3** Oasis Winery, 540-635-7627
- 4 Piedmont Vineyards, 540-687-5528
- **5** Pearmund Cellars, 540-347-3475
- 6 Roger's Ford Farm Winery, 540-439-3707



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don't forget to

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Visit the Fauquier County Agricultural Development Office web site:

www.FauquierAg.com

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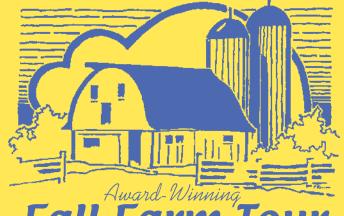
... and our fantastic farmers!

For more information about the Fall Farm Tour or accommodations, restaurants, attractions and events year round, contact:



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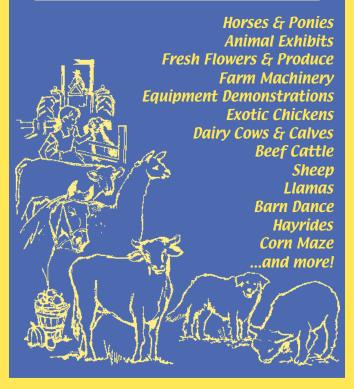
Fauquier County, Virginia



Fall Farm Tour

==== ONE DAY ==== September 20, 2003 10am to 5pm

Interpretive Tours at every stop



Free and fun for the entire family!



the beautiful gateway to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

We are pleased to share our rich agricultural heritage with you on this award-winning Farm Tour. The refreshing sights, sounds, scents and activities are sure to bring back fond memories ...or create new ones to share and cherish.

The farm stops on the tour are clearly marked with Farm Tour signs and may be visited in any order. Scheduling of special activities and locations with refreshments and other items for sale are noted.

This year each farm's story will be told with interactive tours about the land, the techniques, the products, and the art and science of farming.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend - rain or shine - "down on the farm" in Fauquier County!

Special thanks to the businesses, community organizations and volunteers who enthusiastically contributed their time and resources to support the Farm Tour.

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Barn Dance & Dinner

Al-Mara Farm is located in Midland at the intersection of Route 28 and Route 610.

The Leonard Family, of Midland, is planning a finger licking, foot stomping good time on Saturday evening, September 20, with their 2nd Annual Barn Dance and Dinner. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7pm. After that get ready to work off that delicious meal as the folks from Bluemont Concert Series kick off the dancing with a few instructions for the rest of the evening.

By 7:30 the dancing will be in full swing with an old time country dance band and caller. Don't worry if you are out of step on "Wring the Dish Rag" or the "Virginia Reel", we'll be having so much fun nobody will notice.

Great time for all ages! Dinner and dance is only \$15 at the door or advance tickets, 2 for \$25. Kids 10 and under, \$6. The corn maze, hayride and farm tours will be running until 7pm. Bring the whole cotton-pickin' family. For more information check out www.cows-ncorn.com or call (540)439-4806.

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Local school children will be invited to tour the farms on Friday, September 19. For more information, please contact your school or the Agriculture Office.

